

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after-final amendment received on 01/31/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                                |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

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### **10EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Benoit Castel on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. Claim 1 line 1 has been amended as follows, "immobilising" has been changed to immobilizing.
3. Claim 1 line 2 has been amended as follows, ...(1, 34) has been removed.
4. Claim 1 line 2 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.
5. Claim 1 line 3 has been amended as follows, ...(3, 3a, 3b) has been removed.
6. Claim 1 lines 3 and 4 have been amended as follows, ...characterized in that it comprises has been replaced with comprising.
7. Claim 1 line 4 has been amended as follows, ...(13) has been removed.
8. Claim 1 line 5 has been amended as follows, ...(1, 34, 7) has been removed.
9. Claim 1 line 6 has been amended as follows, ...(19) has been removed.
10. Claim 1 line 6 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.
11. Claim 1 line 7 has been amended as follows, ...(zz') has been removed.
12. Claim 1 line 8 has been amended as follows, ...(yy') has been removed.
13. Claim 1 line 8 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.

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14. Claim 1 line 9 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.
15. Claim 1 line 9 has been amended as follows, ...(3, 3a, 3b) has been removed.
16. Claim 1 line 10 has been amended as follows, ...(19) has been removed.
17. Claim 1 line 10 has been amended as follows, ...(13) has been removed.
18. Claim 1 line 12 has been amended as follows, ...(6) has been removed.
19. Claim 1 line 13 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.
20. Claim 1 line 13 has been amended as follows, ...(30) has been removed.
21. Claim 1 line 13 has been amended as follows, ...receiving pieces has been changed to ...receiving intermediate pieces.
22. Claim 1 lines 13 and 14 have been amended as follows, ...mobile, on the one hand, has been replaced with displaceably and rotationally.
23. Claim 1 lines 14 and 15 have been amended as follows, ...and, on the other hand, in rotation has been removed.
24. Claim 1 line 15 has been amended as follows, ...(36) has been removed.
25. Claim 1 line 15 has been amended as follows, "immobilisation" has been changed to immobilization.
26. Claim 1 line 16 has been amended as follows, ...(30) has been removed.
27. Claim 1 line 17 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.
28. Claim 1 line 17 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.
29. Claim 1 line 19 has been amended as follows, ...(32) has been removed.
30. Claim 1 line 20 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.
31. Claim 1 line 22 has been amended as follows, ...(34) has been removed.

- 32. Claim 1 line 22 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.
- 33. Claim 1 line 23 has been amended as follows, ...(36) has been removed.
- 34. Claim 1 line 25 has been amended as follows, ...(38) has been removed.
- 35. Claim 1 line 26 has been amended as follows, ...(40a, 40b, 42) has been removed.
- 36. Claim 1 line 27 has been amended as follows, ...(34) has been removed.
- 37. Claim 1 line 28 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Woodall whose telephone number is (571)272-5204. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:00 to 5:30 EST..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on 571-272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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